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TAGS: CARR SHUM CU  
SUBJECT: GOC PROTESTS STATEMENTS BY FRANK EMMICK

1. ACTING FONMIN ANILLO CALLED ME IN MARCH 18 TO EXPRESS GOC'S DISTRESS OVER RECENT STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED BY WIRE SERVICES TO FRANK EMMICK, FORMER POLITICAL PRISONER WHO WAS RELEASED LAST DECEMBER. EMMICK APPARENTLY ATTACKED CUBAN GOVERNMENT FOR ALLEGED TORTURE OR OTHER INHUMANE TREATMENT IN PRISON.

2. ANILLO SAID SUCH CHARGES ARE FALSS AND CANNOT HELP BUT HAVE ADVERSE REPERCUSSIONS ON PROSPECTS FOR RELEASING OTHER PRISONERS, WHICH IS A POLICY WHICH GOC HAS HOPED GRADUALLY TO PURSUE. HE STRESSED THAT EMMICK WAS A SPY WHO WAS DULY CONVICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CUBAN LAW, IMPLYING THAT HIS EARLY RELEASE WAS A SPECIAL GESTURE TOWARD US. (I REMINDED HIM THAT EMMICK ALSO WAS A VERY SICK MAN.)

3. I TOLD ANILLO THAT THERE IS NO WAY IN WHICH USG CAN CONTROL STATEMENTS BY PRIVATE CITIZENS, BUT THAT I WOULD REPORT HIS COMMENTS. I ALSO SAID THAT I WAS CONFIDENT THAT USG HAD NOT INSPIRED EMMICK'S REMARKS, AND THAT WE CONTINUE TO HOPE VERY MUCH THAT OTHER PRISONERS CAN BE RELEASED.

4. USINT HAS NOT SEEN TEXT OF EMMICK'S CHARGES, AND IN ANY CASE  
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HAS NO MEANS OF EVALUATING THEIR SPECIFIC VALIDITY WITH RESPECT TO EVENTS PRIOR TO OUR OPENING. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH, HOWEVER, TO CONSIDER PASSING ON TO EMMICK GOC'S WARNING THAT SUCH PUBLIC STATEMENTS WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT THE CHANGES FOR REMAINING PRISONERS. (DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT CUBANS WERE ALREADY NERVOUS ABOUT POSSIBLE PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY RELEASED PRISONERS AS A RESULT OF GILBERTO SIMON PORRATA'S INTERVIEWS WITH US CONGRESSMEN IN WASH-

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